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In re patent application of:)	
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Serial No. 10/772,574)	
)	Group Art Unit 3721
Filed: February 2, 2004)	
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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PLACING)	
A PRODUCT IN A FLEXIBLE RECLOSABLE)	
CONTAINER)	August 30, 2006

COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT
OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

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REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Notice of Allowance mailed 10 August 2006.

Applicant has reviewed the Examiner's Statement of Reason for Allowance. Applicant agrees that the prior art of record fails to teach or render obvious the claims pending in the present application.

Applicant does not intend for the allowed claims to be limited according to the statements provided in the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance. The scope of the allowed claims is to be determined by the language of the claims. Applicant objects to the Examiner's Reasons to the extent that they suggest a claim scope narrower or different than that offered by the claim language itself. As one example, the Reasons include that the "interlockable profiles with a plurality of sliders and plurality of fused portions is attached to the bag." Applicant notes that the claim elements of claim 86 do not require attachment of the profiles to a bag.

Each claim is allowable because each claim recites a combination of elements not disclosed or suggested by any references. The invention resides in the combination of elements as variously recited in the claims, and not in the presence of any one or a few particular elements or limitations, or in the presence of any one or particular claim. Further, it is understood that each claim stands on its own merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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